

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/034,336

Applicant(s)
Aga et al.

Examiner
Marjorie Moran

Group Art Unit
1623



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Marjorie Moran

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(2) Sheridan Neimark

(4) _____

Date of Interview Dec 20, 1999

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 5-10 and 27-30

Identification of prior art discussed:

MARUTA, esp. col. 13, lines 7-64.

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The examiner informed the attorney that the after-final amendment filed 12/7/99 had been entered, and that the after-final arguments had been considered, but the rejections of claims 5-10 and 27-30 were being maintained. MARUTA does make obvious adding trehalose to aqueous systems. The examiner also maintained that a method of inhibiting a decrease in activity is inherently a method of stabilization. Also, MARUTA teaches that trehalose stabilizes antioxidants (i.e. compounds with active-oxygen eliminating activity). The examiner stated that she did not use hindsight reasoning, as all of the limitations of the claims may be found in the prior art, as set forth in the two previous office actions.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.

MJ Moran